

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Manual of Policies and Procedures

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SUBJECT: Personal Electric Mobility Devices Policy

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to promote safety on the Jacksonville State University (JSU) campus while permitting the use of personal electric mobility devices (e.g., scooters, electric skateboards, electric bicycles, etc.), hereafter PEMDs, by students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

POLICY

This policy establishes rules and procedures for the safe operation, storage, charging, and parking of electric scooters and other on the JSU campus. PEMD users assume all risks and are liable for any injuries or damages arising out of presence, operation, or use of the PEMD devices while on the JSU campus.

DEFINITIONS

Campus includes any property owned, leased, or controlled by JSU, including sidewalks, walkways, buildings, grounds, parking lots, structures, athletic and recreation facilities, and streets, as well as streets and roads adjacent to any property owned, leased, or controlled by JSU.

Personal Electric Mobility Devices or PEMDs are electric or motorized scooters[1], electric skateboards, and other electric mobility devices[2] used for personal transportation recognized under Alabama law. This policy does not apply to personal electric devices designed for and used to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

PROCEDURES

Use of PEMDs is permitted on JSU's Campus subject to Alabama law and the following:

A. Operation

1. PEMD Operators are encouraged to wear a helmet when riding.
2. An electric personal assistive mobility device may be operated at night provided that the operator wears reflectors and a headlight.
3. PEMD's shall always be operated in a safe and courteous manner. PEMD operators shall be mindful of their safety, the safety of others, and shall be alert to pedestrians and other vehicles, exercising due care and reasonable caution to prevent collisions, injury to others, to self, or to property. If a PEMD cannot be operated safely and courteously, operation shall be terminated. Operation may only resume when conditions permit safe and courteous operation.
4. A person operating an electric personal assistive mobility device shall obey all speed limits and shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and human powered devices at all times. An operator shall also give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.
5. The maximum speed at which a PEMD may be operated shall not exceed that which is reasonable and prudent for the conditions at the time in pedestrian areas and sidewalks. A speed which creates a hazard to any person or property is not reasonable and prudent. In no case when operating on the roadways shall the operating speed exceed that which is posted for vehicular rights-of-way.

B. Prohibitions

1. PEMDs shall not be operated inside any building.
2. Tandem riding of more than one individual is prohibited.
3. PEMD Operators are discouraged from using cell phones, headphones, or earbuds when operating PEMDs.
4. PEMDs are to be used for mobility purposes only. Racing, stunt, and trick riding are strictly prohibited.
5. The use of external speakers or sound amplification devices affixed to or used in conjunction with a PEMD is prohibited at any volume that is audible to others beyond the immediate vicinity of the operator.

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D. Parking Requirements

1. PEMDs shall be parked in a manner that do not impede the following areas on the JSU Campus:
 - Access to entrances, exits, and accessibility to JSU Buildings, common areas, stairways, hallways, aisles, sidewalks, walking and driving paths.
 - Affixed to structures, architectural elements, landscaping, artwork, and other features, including, but not limited to, handrails, fences, benches, light poles, sign poles, sculptures, etc.
2. PEMDs should be stored and/or charged either on hard outdoor surfaces, preferably attached to bike racks, areas designated by building managers, or in residential rooms.
3. Free registration of PEMDs with the Parking Services is recommended for all PEMDs operated on JSU.

E. Fire Safety Requirements

1. PEMDs must bear the seal of an independent testing laboratory accredited by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Example below:



F. Electric Charging Restrictions

1. The use of extension cords for charging PEMDs is prohibited.
2. PEMDs shall not be unattended during charging.
3. At no time should PEMD's be charged in classrooms, hallways or common areas.

POLICY ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS

1. PEMD operation is subject to all state and local laws, ordinances, and University policies. Sanctions may be enforcement through state and local authorities, as well as Community Standards, and Human Resource procedures.

2. Devices in gross safety violations of these policies and procedures may be immediately impounded by Capital Planning and Facilities, Housing and Residence Life, or the Department of Public Safety.
3. JSU reserves the right to further limit or prohibit the use of PEMDs in order to preserve the safety of the JSU Campus and the JSU community, at any time, with or without advanced notice.

INTERPRETATION

Questions related to the daily operational interpretation and application of this policy should be directed to the Department of Public Safety.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed at least every five (5) years or as necessary to comply with changes in the law.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Associate Vice President of Health and Public Safety and Chief of Police is responsible for this policy.